

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri Senate pause to recognize Jill Darnell of Malden, Missouri, who has distinguished herself as a proud recipient of the Bootheel Youth Museum Volunteer of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, established in Malden by a group of dedicated civic leaders, college officials, and interested citizens in the southeast Missouri area, the Bootheel Youth Museum is a not-for-profit educational institution that works to provide programs in the fields of math, science, natural resources, human relations, and the arts to children, adults, and families through the support of such stellar volunteers as Jill Darnell; and

WHEREAS, a worthy recipient of the Volunteer of the Month award in June of 2002, Jill Darnell is an exceptional eighth grade student at Malden Junior High School where she excels in her studies while taking pride in the important roles she plays as a majorette and member of the junior high band; and

WHEREAS, Jill Darnell is a devout Christian who attributes the countless blessings she has received to her unwavering faith in the Lord, whose name she glorifies as a member of the Stokelan Drive Christian Church Youth Group and drama member at the First Assembly of God church; and

WHEREAS, Jill Darnell is a courageous young woman who recently underwent open heart surgery to remove a subaortic membrane, a developmental heart defect, from which she is recovering very well; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2003, Jill Darnell traveled to the Missouri State Capitol where she effectively represented the Bootheel Youth Museum and was acknowledged by both legislative bodies for her contributions to the Museum and to the Malden community; and

WHEREAS, Jill has achieved all of this and more with the continual love, support, and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted parents, Jimmy and Patti Phelps, and her four siblings, Brooke, Adam, Shane, and Brandon:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jill Darnell at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best as she continues to serve as an inspiration to all those who know and love her; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Volunteer of the Year, Jill Darnell.